

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1373
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2022
COUNTRY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the unemployment rate of the country has increased to 7.80 per cent in June as per CMIE report, in which 13 million jobs have been lost mainly in the agriculture sector;**
- (b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the number of jobs in rural areas due to high unemployment rate;**
- (c) the details of unemployment rate, State-wise and the steps taken by Government to address this problem;**
- (d) whether this is the biggest drop in employment during the non-lockdown month; and**
- (e) if so, the steps taken by Government to address the same?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (e): Many private companies/bodies/research organizations conduct different surveys based on their own methodology, CMIE is one amongst them. The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period of PLFS is July to June of next year. As per the available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 5.8%, 4.8% and 4.2% during the years 2018-19 to 2020-21, respectively. It indicates that unemployment rate has declining trend.

The estimated percentage of workers in agriculture sectors was 42.5%, 45.6% and 46.5% during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, which indicates an increasing trend of employment in agriculture sector.

The estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas during the years 2018-19 to 2020-21 are as follows:

Years	Unemployment Rate (UR) in Rural (in %)	Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in Rural (in %)
2018-19	5.0	48.9
2019-20	3.9	53.3
2020-21	3.3	55.5

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data in the above table indicates that in rural areas unemployment rate has declining trend and on the other hand, Worker Population Ratio has increasing trend, indicating the increase in employment.

The details of State/UT-wise estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2020-21 are at Annexure.

The estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 47.3%, 50.9% and 52.6% during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, indicating the increasing trend in employment.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country. The Government of India has announced Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to provide stimulus to business and to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid 19. Under this package, the Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than Rupees Twenty Seven lakh crore. This package comprises of various long term schemes/ programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities.

The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries was 31.03.2022. As on 13.07.2022 benefits have been provided to 59.54 lakh beneficiaries.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY, collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities. Upto 08.07.2022, 35.94 crore loans were sanctioned under the scheme.

Budget 2021-22 launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22. The PLI Schemes being implemented by the Government have potential for creating 60 lakh new jobs. All these initiatives are expected to collectively generate employment in the medium to long term through multiplier-effects.

PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development. The approach is driven by seven engines, namely, Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass Transport, Waterways and Logistics Infrastructure. This approach is powered by Clean Energy and Sabka Prayas leading to huge job and entrepreneurial opportunities for all.

Government is implementing Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) since June 01, 2020 to facilitate collateral free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their businesses, which were adversely impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic. As on July 11, 2022, 33.34 lakh loans amounting to ₹3,615 Crore have been disbursed to 30.26 lakh beneficiaries under the scheme.

The Government of India is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) etc. for employment generation.

Further, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to enhance the employability of youth.

Besides these initiatives, various flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Start-up India, Stand-up India, Digital India, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All etc are also oriented towards generating employment opportunities.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1373 due for reply on 28.07.2022

State/UT-wise details of Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons of age 15 years and above during 2020-21

States/UTs	Unemployment Rate (in %)
Andhra Pradesh	4.1
Arunachal Pradesh	5.7
Assam	4.1
Bihar	4.6
Chhattisgarh	2.5
Delhi	6.3
Goa	10.5
Gujarat	2.2
Haryana	6.3
Himachal Pradesh	3.3
Jharkhand	3.1
Karnataka	2.7
Kerala	10.1
Madhya Pradesh	1.9
Maharashtra	3.7
Manipur	5.6
Meghalaya	1.7
Mizoram	3.5
Nagaland	19.2
Odisha	5.3
Punjab	6.2
Rajasthan	4.7
Sikkim	1.1
Tamil Nadu	5.2
Telangana	4.9
Tripura	3.2
Uttarakhand	6.9
Uttar Pradesh	4.2
West Bengal	3.5
Andaman & N. Island	9.1
Chandigarh	7.1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	4.2
Jammu & Kashmir	5.9
Ladakh	2.9
Lakshadweep	13.4
Puducherry	6.7
All India	4.2

Source : PLFS, MoSPI